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SUBJECT: USG OBSERVATION OF TRIAL OF KIM DAE JUNG
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2. WE HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING HOW BEST TO UTILIZE THE TWO SEATS WHICH YOU HAVE OBTAINED FOR THE COURTS MARTIAL OF KIM DAE-JUNG. [redacted]

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3. IN VIEW OF REFUSAL BY THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT TO ADMIT OBSERVERS FROM INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, WE FEEL A SPECIA RESPONSIBILITY TO DEMONSTRATE VISIBLE AND COMPETENT LEGAL
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OBSERVATION OF THE COURSE OF THE TRIAL. THEREFORE, WE ARE ACTIVELY CONSIDERING SENDING A SENIOR AND RESPECTED LAWYER FROM THE OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ADVISER TO PARTICIPATE IN OBSERVATION AND EVALUATION OF THE TRIAL PROCEEDINGS.
4. THIS WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH THE ASSURANCES GIVEN TO YOU THAT AN OFFICIAL FROM WASHINGTON COULD UTILIZE ONE OF THE TWO SEATS ALLOCATED TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY. [redacted]

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5. FOLLOWING THE OPENING SESSION OF THE TRIAL, AND USING

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR
REVIEWED BY M. Teyeh DATE 8/16/82
PORTIONS DENIED AS INDICATED

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ALL SOURCES OF INFORMATION YOU CAN MUSTER, GIVE US YOUR BEST ESTIMATE OF THE ANTICIPATED COURSE OF TRIAL SESSIONS AND TRIAL LENGTH. IN MANY PREVIOUS KOREAN TRIALS WE NOTE SESSIONS HAVE OFTEN BEEN HELD ONLY TWICE OR EVEN ONCE WEEKLY. FURTHERMORE, WE HAVE ASSUMED THAT FIRST PETITION TO THE COURT WILL IN THIS INSTANCE BE FOR AN ADJOURNMENT TO PERMIT FURTHER PREPARATION BY DEFENSE COUNSEL.

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